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TITLE: Method and apparatus for managing calendar information from a shared database and managing calendar information from multiple users

Detailed Description Text (47):

In addition to changing the show/hide flags, the user at step 535 of FIG. 14 can also change the particular day of calendar information to be displayed. At step 540, if synchronization is performed, then step 515 is entered again. Each time calendar information of a non-default category type is downloaded into computer 100a, it over-writes any data of that category that already exists in the computer 100a. However, calendar information of the default category type synchronizes with the database 326. It is appreciated that while process 510 is being performed, multiple other portable computer systems can synchronize their respective default calendar information with the database 326. For instance, while the "wife" category calendar information is a non default category to computer system 100a, it is the default category for computer 100b. Therefore, when computer 100b connects to desktop 56, synchronization occurs between calendar information of the "wife" category that resides on computer 100b and database 326 of desktop 56. The same is true with respect to the computer systems 100c-100d for child2 and child1.

CLAIMS:

1. A method of processing information comprising: a) storing first calendar information under a predetermined category name in a first database on a server, said first database comprising calendar information received from multiple computer systems, said first calendar information comprising event name, time and date information; b) transferring said first calendar information from said server to a portable computer system, said portable computer system having a second database comprising second calendar information that is differentiated from said first calendar information by a default category name that is different from said predetermined category name, said second calendar information comprising event name, time and date information; c) displaying together portions of said first and said second calendar information on a display screen of said portable computer system wherein said predetermined category name is unmodifiable by said portable computer system; d) synchronizing said second database comprising said second calendar information with a third database on a host computer system that is different from said server so that after synchronization said second and third databases contain the same calendar information; and e) removing said first calendar information from said portable computer system without disturbing said second calendar information.

9. A data processing system comprising: a server for storing first calendar information stored under a predetermined category name in a first database that comprises calendar information received from multiple computer systems, said first calendar information comprising event name, time and date information; a software manager resident on said server and for transferring said first calendar information to said portable computer system in response to said portable computer system being inserted into a cradle coupled to said server, said portable computer

system having second calendar information stored in a second database under a default category name which is different from said predetermined category name, said second calendar information comprising event name, time and date information; a host computer system comprising a third database that comprises calendar information associated only with said portable computer system; a file sharing manager resident on said host computer system and for synchronizing said second calendar information but not said first calendar information with said calendar information in said third database, wherein after synchronization said second and third databases contain the same calendar information; said portable computer system for displaying together portions of said first and said second calendar information on a display screen of said portable computer system wherein said predetermined category name and said default category name are both unmodifiable by said portable computer system; and said portable computer system also for using said predetermined category name to remove said first calendar information from said portable computer system without disturbing said second calendar information.

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